

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

LaForge et al.

Serial No. NOT YET ASSIGNED

Filed: January 17, 2002

For: **ALGORITHMIC METHOD AND SOFTWARE SYSTEM FOR SYNTHESIZING
SELF-HEALING NETWORKS, BUS STRUCTURES, AND CONNECTIVITIES**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examining on the merits, please enter the following amendment:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification on page 1, after the title and before the first paragraph, by adding the following new sentence:

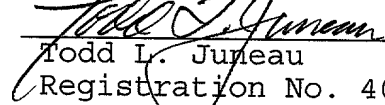
-- This application is a non-provisional of U.S. provisional application no. 60/261,863 filed January 17, 2001.--

REMARKS

The amendment to the specification has been made to reference the earlier provisional application filed January 17, 2001, from which present nonprovisional application claims benefit as allowed under 35 U.S.C. 119(e).

Respectfully submitted,

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